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INCLUDING A CABLE
COMMUNICATION CIRCUIT

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2002, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly replace claims 1-5 with the following:

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1. (Twice Amended) A card with a microprocessor and contacts, and a communication device in the form of a hard-wired circuit disposed between the contacts and the microprocessor and operating according to an asynchronous communication protocol with checking of integrity of signals transmitted between the microprocessor and a terminal, wherein said communication device includes means to return at least one item of information to the terminal as a function of the signals received.